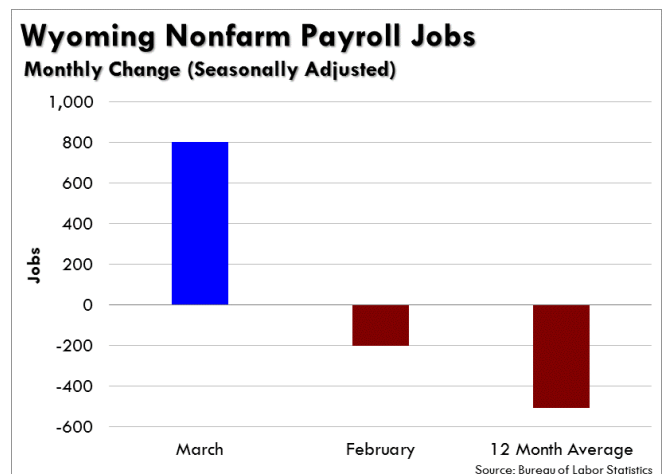
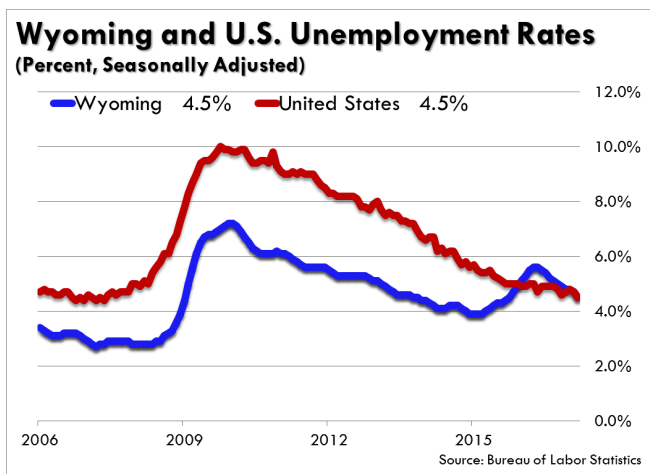


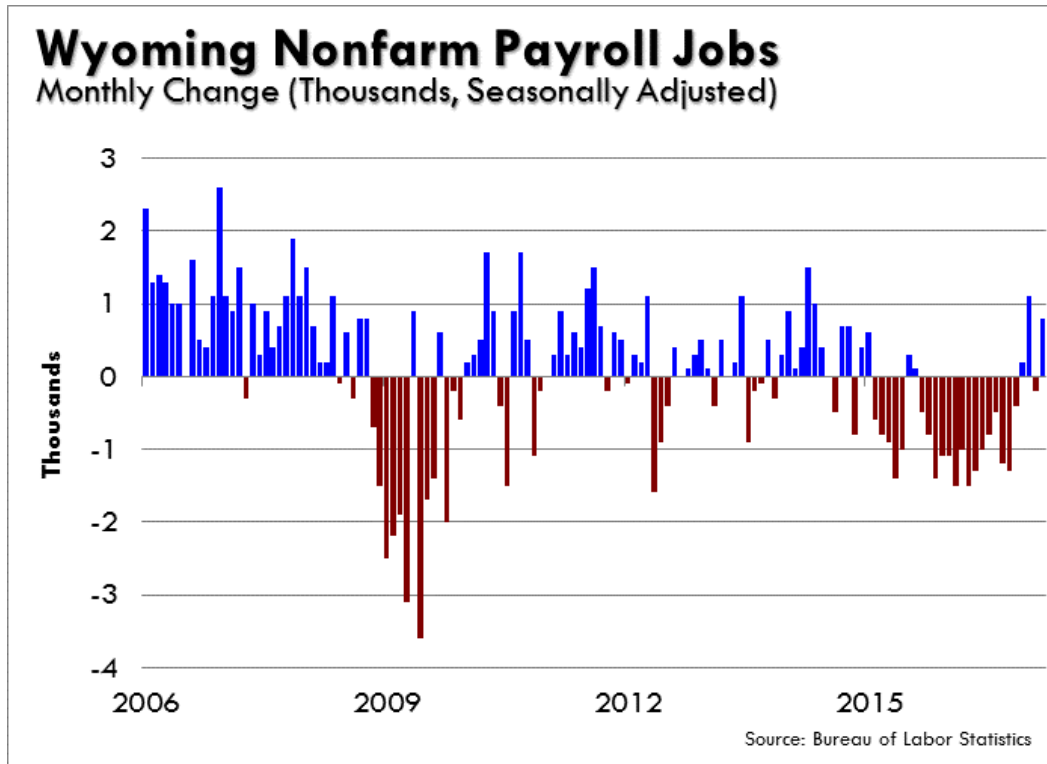


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Summary

- **Wyoming added 800 jobs and the unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage point to 4.5 percent in March** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, Wyoming lost 6,100 jobs** and the unemployment rate fell by 1 percentage point from 5.5 percent.
- **In March, Wyoming's private sector added 500 jobs** and over the past twelve months it declined by 5,100 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed Wyomingites fell by 578 in March**, and over the past year 3,294 Wyomingites found jobs.
- Wyoming's **labor force participation rate increased to 67.4 percent** from 67.3 percent in March. Since last year, the labor force participation rate rose 0.2 percentage point.
- The national unemployment rate **declined by 0.2 percentage point to 4.5 percent in March**. State employment and unemployment data for April is scheduled for release on May 19, 2017. The national employment situation report for April will be released on Friday, May 5, 2017.





Wyoming Payroll Employment

Wyoming added 800 jobs, or 0.29 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during March. In the prior month, Wyoming lost 200 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in Wyoming declined by 6,100, or 2.14 percent. Wyoming nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 3 of the past 12 months.

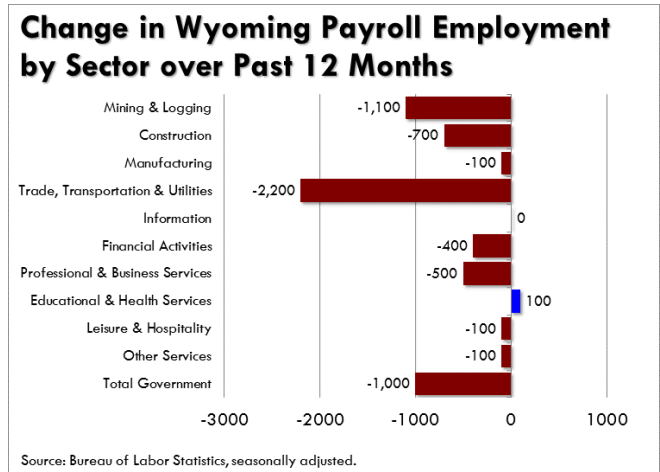
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 98,000 jobs in March, or 0.07 percent. Over the 12-month period ending March 2017, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,185,000 jobs, or 1.52 percent. Wyoming ranks 40th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During March, Wyoming's private-sector added 500 jobs, or 0.24 percent. The private-sector in Wyoming lost 200 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in Wyoming declined by 5,100, or 2.40 percent. Wyoming private-sector payroll employment has increased in 3 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 89,000 jobs in March, or 0.07 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,033,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.67 percent. Wyoming ranks 34th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during March were Professional & Business Services (+500) and Other Services (+400). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-500) and Construction (-300).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Educational & Health Services (+100) and Information (unchanged). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-2,200) and Mining & Logging (-1,100).



Wyoming Labor Force Statistics

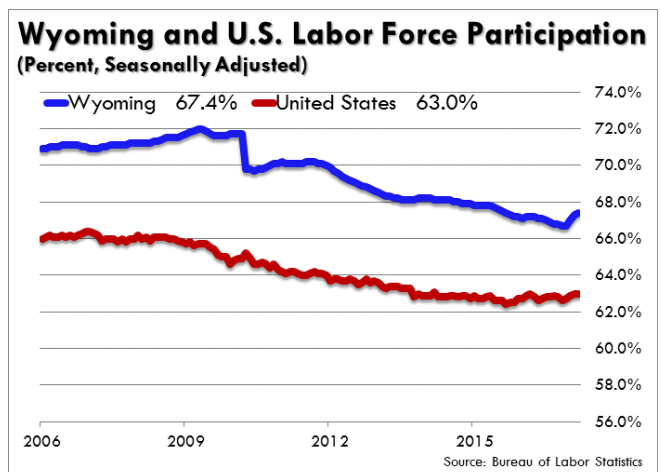
Labor Force Participation

The labor force participation rate in Wyoming rose to 67.4 percent in March from 67.3 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 10 have a higher labor force participation rate than Wyoming. The labor force participation rate in Wyoming is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Wyoming was 72.0 percent in May 2009. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Wyoming occurred in January 1983 when the labor force participation rate hit 72.7 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 66.7 percent in December 2016. The series low for the labor force participation rate occurred in January 1976 when the labor force participation rate hit 64.4 percent. The national labor force participation rate was unchanged at 63.0 percent, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

Employment-to-Population Ratio

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Wyoming civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, rose to 64.3 percent in March from 64.0 percent the prior



month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 13 have higher employment-to-population ratios than Wyoming. The employment-to-population ratio in Wyoming is 0.9 percentage point higher than a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in Wyoming was 69.3 percent in September 2008. This also represents the series high for the employment-to-population ratio in Wyoming. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in September 2016. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in March 1976 when the employment-to-population ratio was 61.7 percent.

The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.1 percentage point to 60.1 percent in March. That rate was 0.2 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

